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SUBJECT: DAVIS NOMINATION

1. RWANDAN FONMIN FINALLY RETURNED KIGALI MARCH 3 FOLLOWING OAU MEETING ADDIS AND AID NEGOTS PARIS BUT DEPARTED EARLY MARCH 5 FOR FRANCOPHONE CHIEF OF STATE CONFERENCE BANGUI. EFFORTS ARRANGE APPOINTMENT DISCUSS OAU DAVIS DECLARATION UNSUCCESSFUL, BUT COMMITMENT MADE FONMIN WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING RETURN KIGALI MID-MARCH. PRIOR FONMIN'S DEPARTURE, AMB WROTE PERSONAL LETTER ENCLOSING TEXT SECRETARY'S LETTER OAU SECGEN ETEKI AND DELIVERED IT TO SECGEN FONMIN MARCH 4 WHO PROMISED INCLUDE AMB'S ORAL REMARKS AND LETTER IN FONMIN'S BANGUI BRIEFING PACKAGE. AMB ALSO CALLED ON DIRGENEXTAFF IN PRESIDENCY WHO STATED HE WOULD BRING LETTER TO ATTENTION PRES HABYARIMANA ENROUTE BANGUI.

2. AMB CALLED MARCH 6 ON GOR OFFICIAL WHO
ATTENDED OAU SESSION. SOURCE NOTED DAVIS NOMINATION HAD
NOT BEEN ON AGENDA AND WAS RAISED BY FONMON SIERRA LEONE
WHO HAD INTER ALIA MADE COMMENTS CONCERNING AGREMENT
(STATE 46137). GOR DEL HAD BEEN "SURPRISED" AND THERE
HAD BEEN PRACTICALLY NO COMMENT PRO OR CON BY PARTICIPANTS.
AS PART NORMAL OAU PROCEDURE, SEVEN-MEMBER DRAFTING CTTEE
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HAD PREPARED DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH PARALLELED ALMOST

EXACTLY FONMIN SIERRA LEONE PRESENTATION. DRAFT DECLARATION HAD ONLY BEEN CIRCULATED ALONG WITH OTHER MATTERS AT 3:30 A.M. OF FINAL SESSION WHEN MINISTERS BAHITUALLY APPROVE WHATEVER IS PUT BEFORE THEM. SOURCE DID NOT ATTEND FINAL HOURS AND IS UNAWARE WHETHER ANY DEBATE DEVELOPED. (HE HAS OFFERED REVIEW PROCEEDINGS TO DETERMINE COMPOSITION DRAFTING COMMITTEE.) ON PERSONAL BASIS, HE NOTED US POSITION PERFECTLY "CORRECT" BUT ATTEMPTING PUT BEST FACE ON MATTER, COMMENTED "DECLARATION" CONSIDERABLY LESS IMPORTANT THAT A "RESOLUTION" AND DOES NOT IMPLY UNANIMOUS VIEW. AMB RESPONDED SUCH PROCEDURAL DISTINCTIONS IRRELEVANT TO THE DISCOURTESY AND HARM OCCASIONED BY AN UNPRECEDENTED AFFRONT GIVE WIDE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY. FRITTS

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